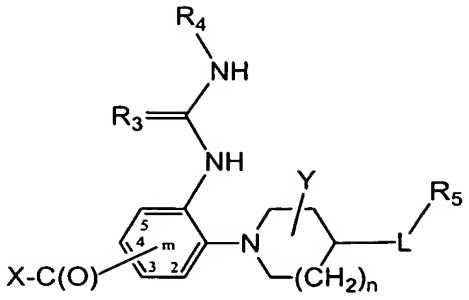
What is claimed is:

1. A compound of formula (I):



formula (I)

and enantiomers, diastereomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein:

X-C(O)- is a substituent moiety having a variable position "m", wherein "m" represents a carbon atom number corresponding to a point of attachment for the X-C(O)- substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (I);

X is selected from the group consisting of

(i) amino substituted with one R_{1a} substituent and one R_{1b} substituent;

(ii) a heterocyclyl ring optionally substituted with one or more R_2 substituents, said heterocyclyl ring having at least one nitrogen atom member, wherein the nitrogen atom member forms the point of attachment for said heterocyclyl ring on the –C(O)- portion of the X-C(O)- moiety; and,

(iii) a heteroaryl ring optionally substituted with one or more R_2 substituents, said heteroaryl ring having at least one secondary amine member as a point of attachment for said heteroaryl ring on the –C(O)- portion of the X-C(O)- moiety;

R_{1a} and R_{1b} are independently selected from the group consisting of

(i) hydrogen;

(ii) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, carboxyl, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl and heteroaryl,

wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of

C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

wherein said heterocyclyl is optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and oxo;

wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(iii) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and carboxyl;

R_2 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-8}alkyl, wherein C_{1-8}alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and carboxyl;

R_3 is selected from the group consisting of O and S;

R_4 is selected from the group consisting of

(a) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(b) benzofused dioxolyl;

(c) benzofused dioxinyl; and,

(d) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

L is a direct (single or double) bond, or a linking group selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyldiyl, C_{3-8}cycloalkyldiyl and aryldiyl,

R_5 is selected from the group consisting of

(i) one substituent selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e) and (f) when L is a double bond; and,

(ii) one or more independently selected substituents selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond,

(e) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl,

wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(f) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy,

amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(g) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

Y is one or more optionally present C_{1-8}alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted;

m is an integer from 2 to 5 which represents the carbon atom number corresponding to the point of attachment for the X-C(O)- substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (I); and, n is an integer from 1 to 2.

2. The compound of claim 1, wherein X is selected from the group consisting of

(i) amino substituted with one R_{1a} substituent and one R_{1b} substituent;

(ii) a heterocyclyl ring optionally substituted with one or two R_2 substituents, said heterocyclyl ring having at least one nitrogen atom member, wherein the nitrogen atom member forms the point of attachment for said heterocyclyl ring on the –C(O)- portion of the X-C(O)- moiety; and,

(iii) a heteroaryl ring optionally substituted with one or two R_2 substituents, said heteroaryl ring having at least one secondary amine member as a point of attachment for said heteroaryl ring on the –C(O)- portion of the X-C(O)- moiety;

R_{1a} and R_{1b} are independently selected from the group consisting of

(i) hydrogen;

(ii) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, carboxyl, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl and heteroaryl,

wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

wherein said heterocyclyl is optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and oxo;

wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(iii) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and carboxyl;

R_2 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-8}alkyl, wherein C_{1-8}alkyl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and carboxyl;

R_4 is selected from the group consisting of

(a) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(b) benzofused dioxolyl;

(c) benzofused dioxinyl; and,

(d) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R_5 is selected from the group consisting of

(i) one substituent selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e) and (f) when L is a double bond; and,

(ii) one or two independently selected substituents selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond,

(e) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl,

wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(f) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(g) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino,

mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

Y is one or two optionally present C_{1-8}alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted.

3. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_{1a} and R_{1b} are independently selected from the group consisting of

(i) hydrogen;

(ii) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, heterocyclyl and aryl wherein said heterocyclyl is optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and oxo; and, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(iii) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and carboxyl;

R_2 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-8}alkyl;

R_5 is selected from the group consisting of

(i) one substituent selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e) and (f) when L is a double bond; and,

(ii) one or two independently selected substituents selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond,

(e) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and aryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(f) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(g) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

Y is absent;

m is an integer from 3 to 4 which represents the carbon atom number corresponding to the point of attachment for the X-C(O)- substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (I); and, n is 1.

4. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_{1a} and R_{1b} are independently selected from the group consisting of

(i) hydrogen;

(ii) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, heterocyclyl and aryl, wherein said heterocyclyl is optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano,

halogen, hydroxy, nitro and oxo; and,

(iii) aryl;

R_2 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-8}alkyl;

R_4 is selected from the group consisting of

(a) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(b) benzofused dioxolyl; and,

(d) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

R_5 is selected from the group consisting of

(i) one substituent selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e) and (f) when L is a double bond; and,

(ii) one or two independently selected substituents selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond,

(e) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and aryl,

(f) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(g) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro.

5. The compound of claim 1, wherein X is selected from the group consisting of

(i) amino substituted with one R_{1a} substituent and one R_{1b} substituent;

(ii) a heterocyclyl ring, said heterocyclyl ring having at least one nitrogen atom member, wherein the nitrogen atom member forms the point of attachment for said heterocyclyl ring on the –C(O)- portion of the X-C(O)- moiety; and,

(iii) a heteroaryl ring, said heteroaryl ring having at least one secondary amine member as a point of attachment for said heteroaryl ring on the –C(O)- portion of the X-C(O)- moiety;

R_{1a} and R_{1b} are independently selected from the group consisting of

(i) hydrogen;

(ii) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, hydroxy, carboxyl, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl and aryl, wherein said heterocyclyl is optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with an oxo substituent; and,

(iii) aryl;

R_2 is hydrogen;

R_4 is selected from the group consisting of

(a) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl;

(b) benzofused dioxolyl; and,

(d) aryl;

L is a direct (single or double) bond; and,

R_5 is selected from the group consisting of

(i) one paragraph (e) substituent when L is a double bond; and,

(ii) one or two independently selected substituents selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e) and (g) when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond,

(e) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two aryl substituents; and,

(g) aryl.

6. The compound of claim 1, wherein X is selected from the group consisting of

(i) amino substituted with one R_{1a} substituent and one R_{1b} substituent;

(ii) a heterocyclyl ring selected from the group consisting of piperazinyl, morpholinyl, 1,3,4-trihydro-isoquinolinyl and pyrrolidinyl, said heterocyclyl ring having at least one nitrogen atom member, wherein the nitrogen atom member forms the point of attachment for said heterocyclyl ring on the –C(O)- portion of the X-C(O)- moiety; and,

(iii) a heteroaryl ring, said heteroaryl ring having at least one secondary amine member as a point of attachment for said heteroaryl ring on the –C(O)- portion of the X-C(O)- moiety; wherein said heteroaryl ring is imidazolyl;

R_{1a} and R_{1b} are independently selected from the group consisting of

(i) hydrogen;

(ii) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, hydroxy, morpholinyl, 1,3-dihydro-2*H*-isoindolyl and phenyl, wherein said 1,3-dihydro-2*H*-isoindolyl is optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with an oxo substituent; and,

(iii) phenyl;

R_2 is hydrogen;

R_4 is selected from the group consisting of

(a) cyclohexyl;

(b) 1,3-benzodioxolyl; and,

(d) phenyl; and,

R_5 is selected from the group consisting of

(i) one paragraph (e) substituent when L is a double bond; and,

(ii) one or two independently selected substituents selected from the group

consisting of paragraphs (e) and (g) when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond,

(e) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two phenyl substituents; and,

(g) phenyl.

7. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_{1a} and R_{1b} are independently selected from the group consisting of

(i) hydrogen;

(iii) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, carboxyl, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said heterocyclyl is optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and oxo; and,

(iii) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and carboxyl.

8. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_{1a} and R_{1b} are independently selected from the group consisting of

(i) hydrogen;

(ii) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, hydroxy, carboxyl, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl and aryl, wherein said heterocyclyl is optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with an oxo substituent; and,

(iii) aryl.

9. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_{1a} and R_{1b} are independently selected from

the group consisting of

(i) hydrogen;

(ii) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, hydroxy, morpholinyl, 1,3-dihydro-2*H*-isoindolyl and phenyl, wherein said 1,3-dihydro-2*H*-isoindolyl is optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with an oxo substituent; and,

(iii) phenyl.

10. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_2 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-8}alkyl.

11. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_4 is selected from the group consisting of

(a) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, halogen, and hydroxy;

(b) benzofused dioxolyl;

(c) benzofused dioxinyl; and,

(d) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro.

12. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_4 is selected from the group consisting of

(a) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl;

(b) benzofused dioxolyl;

(c) benzofused dioxinyl; and,

(d) aryl.

13. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_4 is selected from the group consisting of

(a) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl;

(b) benzofused dioxolyl; and,

(d) aryl.

14. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_4 is selected from the group consisting of

(a) cyclohexyl;

(b) 1,3-benzodioxolyl; and,

(d) phenyl.

15. The compound of claim 1, wherein L is a direct (single or double) bond.

16. The compound of claim 1, wherein when L is a double bond, R_5 is one substituent selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e) and (f); and, when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond, R_5 is one or more independently selected substituents selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e), (f) and (g):

(e) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(f) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(g) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro.

17. The compound of claim 1, wherein when L is a double bond, R_5 is one substituent selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e) and (f); and,when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond, R_5 is one or more independently selected substituents selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e), (f) and (g):

(e) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently

selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl;

(f) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(g) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro.

18. The compound of claim 1, wherein when L is a double bond, R_5 is one substituent selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e) and (f); and,when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond, R_5 is one or more independently selected substituents selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e), (f) and (g):

(e) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more aryl substituents;

(f) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl; and,

(g) aryl.

19. The compound of claim 1, wherein when L is a double bond, R_5 is one substituent selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e) and (f); and,when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond, R_5 is one or more independently selected substituents selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e), (f) and (g):

(e) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more phenyl substituents;

(f) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl; and,

(g) phenyl.

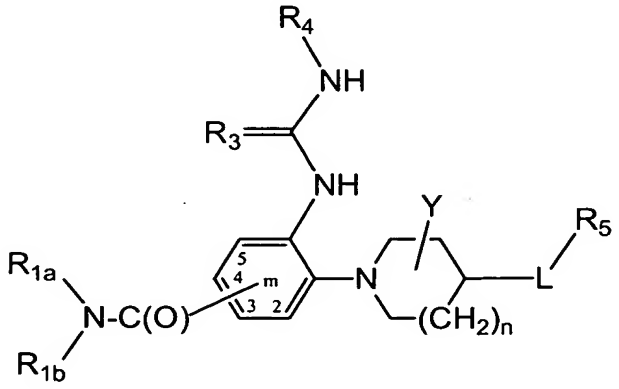
20. The compound of claim 1, wherein Y is one or two optionally present C_{1-8}alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and

heteroaryl, wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted.

21. The compound of claim 1, wherein Y is one or two optionally present C_{1-4}alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted.

22. The compound of claim 1, wherein Y is one or two optionally present C_{1-4}alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro.

23. The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound of formula (I) is a selected from a compound of formula (Ia):



formula (Ia)

and enantiomers, diastereomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein:

$[(R_{1b})(R_{1a})]$N-C(O)- is a substituent moiety having a variable position "m", wherein "m" represents a carbon atom number corresponding to a point of attachment for the $[(R_{1b})(R_{1a})]$N-C(O)- substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (Ia);

R_{1a} and R_{1b} are independently selected from the group consisting of

(i) hydrogen;

(ii) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, carboxyl, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl and heteroaryl,

wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

wherein said heterocyclyl is optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and oxo;

wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(iii) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and carboxyl;

R_3 is selected from the group consisting of O and S;

R_4 is selected from the group consisting of

(a) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy,

amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(b) benzofused dioxolyl;

(c) benzofused dioxinyl; or

(d) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

L is a direct (single or double) bond, or a linking group selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyldiyl, C_{3-8}cycloalkyldiyl and aryldiyl,

R_5 is selected from the group consisting of

(i) one substituent selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e) and (f) when L is a double bond; and,

(ii) one or more independently selected substituents selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond,

(e) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl,

wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino,

di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(f) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(g) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

Y is one or more optionally present C_{1-8}alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted;

m is an integer from 2 to 5 which represents the carbon atom number corresponding to the point of attachment for the [(R_{1b})(R_{1a})]N-C(O)- substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (Ia); and, n is an integer from 1 to 2.

24. The compound of claim 23, wherein

R_{1a} and R_{1b} are independently selected from the group consisting of

(i) hydrogen;

(ii) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, carboxyl, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl and heteroaryl,

wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

wherein said heterocyclyl is optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from the group

consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and oxo;

wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(iii) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and carboxyl;

R_4 is selected from the group consisting of

(a) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(b) benzofused dioxolyl;

(c) benzofused dioxinyl; or

(d) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R_5 is selected from the group consisting of

(i) one substituent selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e) and (f) when L is a double bond; and,

(ii) one or two independently selected substituents selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond,

(e) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino,

di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl,

wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and

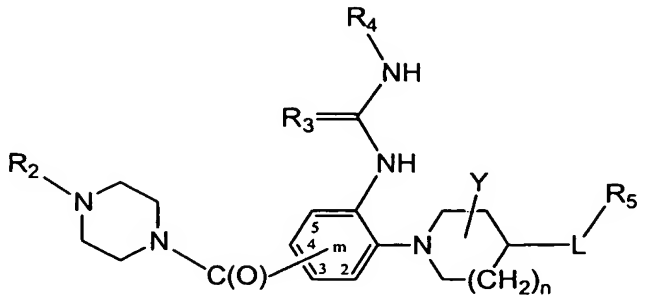
wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(f) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(g) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

Y is one or two optionally present C_{1-8}alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted.

25. The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound of formula (I) is a selected from a compound of formula (Ib):



formula (Ib)

and enantiomers, diastereomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein:

(4-R_2)-1-piperazinyl-C(O)- is a substituent moiety having a variable position "m", wherein "m" represents a carbon atom number corresponding to a point of attachment for the (4-R_2)-1-piperazinyl-C(O)- substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (Ib);

R_2 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-8}alkyl, wherein C_{1-8}alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and carboxyl;

R_3 is selected from the group consisting of O and S;

R_4 is selected from the group consisting of

(a) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(b) benzofused dioxolyl;

(c) benzofused dioxinyl; or

(d) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

L is a direct (single or double) bond, or a linking group selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyldiyl, C_{3-8}cycloalkyldiyl and aryldiyl,

R_5 is selected from the group consisting of

(i) one substituent selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e) and (f) when L is a double bond; and,

(ii) one or more independently selected substituents selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond,

(e) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl,

wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(f) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(g) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

Y is one or more optionally present C_{1-8}alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted;

m is an integer from 2 to 5 which represents the carbon atom number corresponding to the point of attachment for the (4-R_2)-1-piperazinyl-C(O)- substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (Ib); and, n is an integer from 1 to 2.

26. The compound of claim 25, wherein

R_2 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-8}alkyl, wherein C_{1-8}alkyl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and carboxyl;

R_4 is selected from the group consisting of

(a) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(b) benzofused dioxolyl;

(c) benzofused dioxinyl; or

(d) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R_5 is selected from the group consisting of

(i) one substituent selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e) and (f) when L is a double bond; and,

(ii) one or two independently selected substituents selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond,

(e) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl,

wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

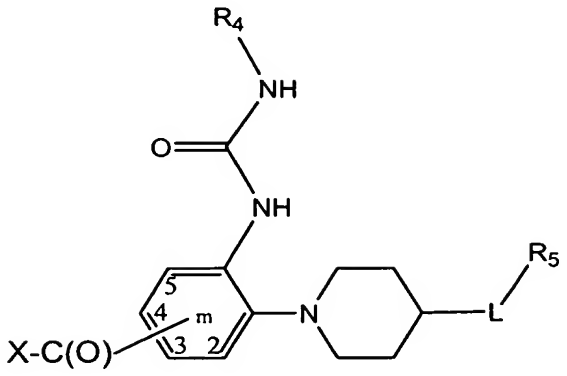
(f) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(g) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

Y is one or two optionally present C_{1-8}alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted.

27. The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound of formula (I) is a selected

from a compound of formula (Ic):



formula (Ic)

and enantiomers, diastereomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein:

X-C(O)- is a substituent moiety having a variable position "m", wherein said "m" represents a carbon atom number corresponding to a point of attachment for the X-C(O)- substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (Ic);

X is selected from the group consisting of

(i) amino substituted with one R_{1a} substituent and one R_{1b} substituent;

(ii) heterocyclyl ring optionally substituted with one or more R_2 substituents, said heterocyclyl ring having at least one nitrogen atom member, wherein the nitrogen atom member forms the point of attachment for said heterocyclyl ring on the –C(O)- portion of the X-C(O)- moiety; and,

(iii) a heteroaryl ring optionally substituted with one or more R_2 substituents, said heteroaryl ring having at least one secondary amine member as a point of attachment for said heteroaryl ring on the –C(O)- portion of the X-C(O)- moiety;

R_{1a} and R_{1b} are independently selected from the group consisting of

(i) hydrogen;

(ii) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, carboxyl, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl and heteroaryl,

wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of

C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

wherein said heterocyclyl is optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and oxo;

wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(iii) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and carboxyl;

R_2 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-8}alkyl, wherein C_{1-8}alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and carboxyl;

R_4 is selected from the group consisting of

(a) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(b) benzofused dioxolyl;

(c) benzofused dioxinyl; and,

(d) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected

from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

L is a direct (single or double) bond, or a linking group selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyldiyl, C_{3-8}cycloalkyldiyl and aryldiyl,

R_5 is selected from the group consisting of

(i) one substituent selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e) and (f) when L is a double bond; and,

(ii) one or more independently selected substituents selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond,

(e) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl,

wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(f) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(g) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

m is an integer from 2 to 5 which represents the carbon atom number corresponding to the point of attachment for the X-C(O)- substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (Ic).

28. The compound of claim 27, wherein X is selected from the group consisting of

(i) amino substituted with one R_{1a} substituent and one R_{1b} substituent;

(ii) heterocyclyl ring optionally substituted with one or two R_2 substituents, said heterocyclyl ring having at least one nitrogen atom member, wherein the nitrogen atom member forms the point of attachment for said heterocyclyl ring on the –C(O)- portion of the X-C(O)- moiety; and,

(iii) a heteroaryl ring optionally substituted with one or two R_2 substituents, said heteroaryl ring having at least one secondary amine member as a point of attachment for said heteroaryl ring on the –C(O)- portion of the X-C(O)- moiety;

R_{1a} and R_{1b} are independently selected from the group consisting of

(i) hydrogen;

(ii) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, carboxyl, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl and heteroaryl,

wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

wherein said heterocyclyl is optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from the group

consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and oxo;

wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(iii) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and carboxyl;

R_2 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-8}alkyl, wherein C_{1-8}alkyl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and carboxyl;

R_4 is selected from the group consisting of

(a) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(b) benzofused dioxolyl;

(c) benzofused dioxinyl; and,

(d) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

L is a direct (single or double) bond, or a linking group selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyldiyl, C_{3-8}cycloalkyldiyl and aryldiyl; and,

R_5 is selected from the group consisting of

(i) one substituent selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e) and (f) when L is a double bond; and,

(ii) one or two independently selected substituents selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond,

(e) C_{1-8}alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl,

wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C_{1-8}alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(f) C_{3-8}cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(g) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

m is an integer from 2 to 5 which represents the carbon atom number corresponding to

the point of attachment for the X-C(O)- substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (Ic).

29. A compound selected from the group consisting of:

3-[[(phenylamino)carbonyl]amino]-4-[4-(phenylmethyl)-1-piperidinyl]-benzamide;

3-[[(phenylamino)carbonyl]amino]-4-(4-phenyl-1-piperidinyl)-benzamide;

3-[[(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylamino)carbonyl]amino]-4-(4-phenyl-1-piperidinyl)-benzamide;

N-[2-(4,4-diphenyl-1-piperidinyl)-5-(1-piperazinylcarbonyl)phenyl]-*N'*-phenyl-urea;

N-[5-(aminocarbonyl)-2-[4-(phenylmethyl)-1-piperidinyl]phenyl]hydrazine-carboxamide;

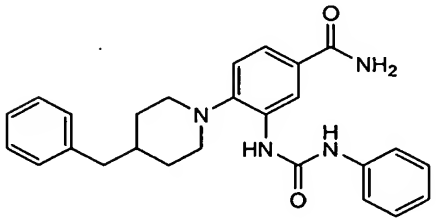
4-[4-(diphenylmethyl)-1-piperidinyl]-3-[[(phenylamino)carbonyl]amino]-benzamide;

4-[4-(diphenylmethylene)-1-piperidinyl]-3-[[(phenylamino)carbonyl]amino]-benzamide;

N-[2-[4-(diphenylmethyl)-1-piperidinyl]-4-(1-piperazinylcarbonyl)phenyl]-*N'*-phenyl-urea; and,

N-cyclohexyl-*N'*-[2-[4-(diphenylmethyl)-1-piperidinyl]-4-(1-piperazinylcarbonyl) phenyl]-urea.

30. A compound selected from the group consisting of: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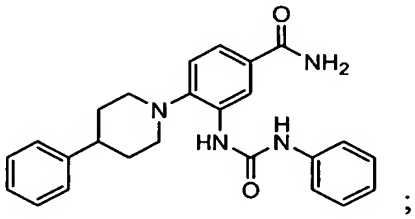
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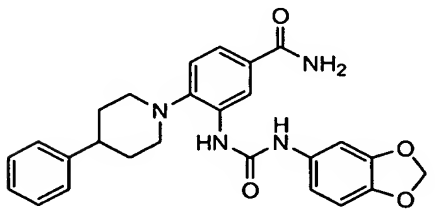
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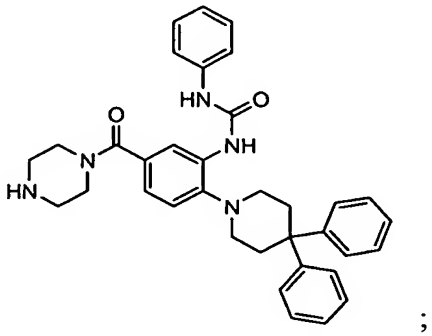
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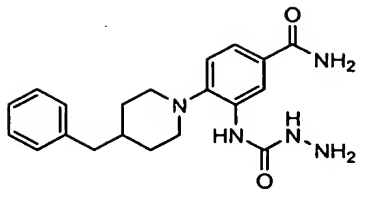
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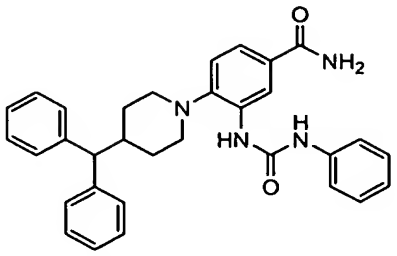
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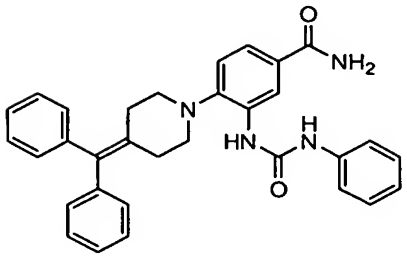
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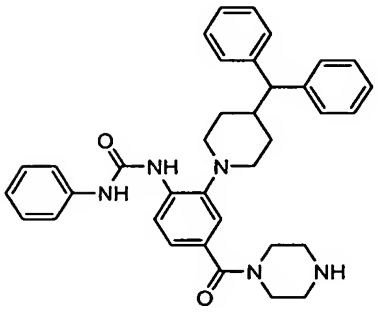
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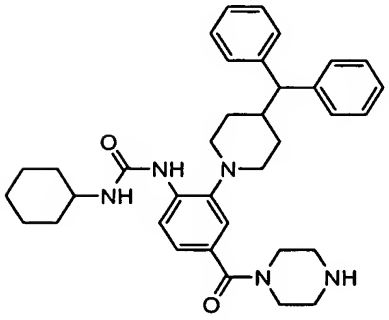
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31. A composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, excipient, tableting ingredient or diluent and the compound of claim 1.

32. A method of treating or preventing a disease or condition in a subject which disease or condition is affected by phospholipase modulation, which method comprises administering to the subject in need of such treatment or prevention a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of claim 1.

33. The method of claim 32, wherein the method further comprises administering to the subject in need of such treatment or prevention a therapeutically effective amount of the composition of claim 31.

34. A method of treating or ameliorating an inflammatory disorder in a subject in need thereof comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective

amount of the compound of claim 1.

35. The method of claim 34, wherein the method further comprises administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of the composition of claim 31.

36. A method of treating or ameliorating restenosis in a subject in need thereof comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of claim 1 by impregnating the therapeutically effective amount of said compound on the surface of a medical device and administering the medical device to the subject.

37. The method of claim 36, wherein the method further comprises a therapeutically effective amount of the composition of claim 31 impregnated on the surface of said medical device.